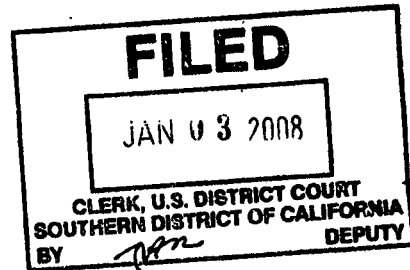


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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 ALEJANDRO CASTRO-VENEGAS,

15 Defendant.

Magistrate Case No. 07MJ8994

02 CR 032 JEG
**STIPULATION OF FACT AND JOINT
MOTION FOR RELEASE OF
MATERIAL WITNESS(ES) AND
ORDER THEREON**

(Pre-Indictment Fast-Track Program)

17 **IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED** between the plaintiff, UNITED STATES
18 OF AMERICA, by and through its counsel, Karen P. Hewitt, United States Attorney, and W. Mark
19 Conover, Assistant United States Attorney, and defendant ALEJANDRO CASTRO-VENEGAS, by
20 and through and with the advice and consent of defense counsel, Howard B. Frank, that:

21 1. Defendant agrees to execute this stipulation on or before the first preliminary hearing
22 date and to participate in a full and complete inquiry by the Court into whether defendant knowingly,
23 intelligently and voluntarily entered into it. Defendant agrees further to waive indictment and plead
24 guilty to the pre-indictment information charging defendant with a non-mandatory minimum count
25 of Transportation of Aliens and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 8 U.S.C. §1324(a)(1)(A)(ii)
26 and (v)(II).

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1 2. Defendant acknowledges receipt of a plea agreement in this case and agrees to
2 provide the signed, original plea agreement to the Government not later than five business days
3 before the disposition date set by the Court.

4 3. Defendant agrees to plead guilty to the charge pursuant to the plea agreement on or
5 before **January 17, 2008**.

6 4. The material witnesses, Heliodoro De Los Santos-Vasquez, Paulino Castaneda-Lopez
7 and Clemente Hernandez-Cruz, in this case:

8 a. Are aliens with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

9 b. Entered or attempted to enter the United States illegally on or about
10 December 16, 2007;

11 c. Were found in a vehicle driven by defendant in or near Calexico, California
12 and that defendant knew or acted in reckless disregard of the fact that they were aliens with no lawful
13 right to enter or remain in the United States;

14 d. Were paying \$2,000 to others to be brought into the United States illegally
15 and/or transported illegally to their destination therein; and,

16 e. May be released and remanded immediately to the Department of Homeland
17 Security for return to their country of origin.

18 5. After the material witnesses are ordered released by the Court pursuant to this
19 stipulation and joint motion, if defendant does not plead guilty to the charge set forth above, for any
20 reason, or thereafter withdraws his guilty plea to that charge, defendant agrees that in any proceeding,
21 including, but not limited to, motion hearings, trial, sentencing, appeal or collateral attack, that:

22 a. The stipulated facts set forth in paragraph 4 above shall be admitted as
23 substantive evidence;

24 b. The United States may elicit hearsay testimony from arresting agents
25 regarding any statements made by the material witness(es) provided in discovery, and such testimony
26 shall be admitted as substantive evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 804(b)(3) as statements against interest
27 of (an) unavailable witness(es); and,

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1 c. Understanding that under Crawford v. Washington, 124 S. Ct. 1354 (2004),
 2 "testimonial" hearsay statements are not admissible against a defendant unless defendant confronted
 3 and cross-examined the witness(es) who made the "testimonial" hearsay statements, defendant
 4 waives the right to confront and cross-examine the material witness(es) in this case.

5 6. By signing this stipulation and joint motion, defendant certifies that defendant has
 6 read it (or that it has been read to defendant in defendant's native language). Defendant certifies
 7 further that defendant has discussed the terms of this stipulation and joint motion with defense
 8 counsel and fully understands its meaning and effect.

9 Based on the foregoing, the parties jointly move the stipulation into evidence and for the
 10 immediate release and remand of the above-named material witness(es) to the Department of
 11 Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

12 It is STIPULATED AND AGREED this date.

13 Respectfully submitted,

14 KAREN P. HEWITT
 15 United States Attorney

16 Dated: JAN 3, 2008

17 John T. Conover
 18 W. MARK CONOVER
 19 Assistant United States Attorney

19 Dated: Jan. 2, 2008

20 Howard B. Frank
 21 HOWARD B. FRANK
 22 Defense Counsel for Castro-Venegas

22 Dated: JAN. 3, 2008

23 Alejandro Castro Venegas
 24 ALEJANDRO CASTRO-VENEGAS
 25 Defendant

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ORDER

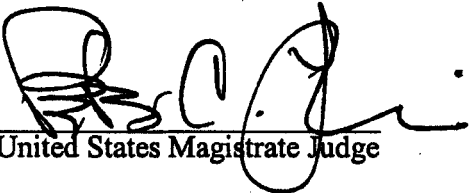
Upon joint application and motion of the parties, and for good cause shown,

THE STIPULATION is admitted into evidence, and,

IT IS ORDERED that the above-named material witness(es) be released and remanded forthwith to the Department of Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: 1-3-08


United States Magistrate Judge